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### ***SBA ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF JEFFREY BUTLAND AS ADMINISTRATOR FOR REGION I***

WASHINGTON – Jeffrey Butland, a former state senator from Maine, has been appointed regional administrator in Region I to oversee the U.S. Small Business Administration's programs and services in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

**"Both the SBA and small businesses of New England will benefit greatly from Jeff's policy and government background,"** said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto in welcoming Butland. **"Together with his business-management skills and experience, and his commitment to community service, he will be a tremendous asset as a member of the SBA's management team."**

Butland, an operational planner for retailer L.L. Bean, has worked for the company at its Maine headquarters in Freeport since 1984. Prior to working for L.L. Bean, Butland was self-employed in the construction industry. He served on the town council in Cumberland, Maine, during the mid-1980s before running successfully for the Maine House of Representatives in 1987. He served in the House for four years until he was elected to the Maine Senate where he served until 1998, including a term as president of the Senate from 1994 to 1996.

"My time in the Maine Legislature and tenure at L.L. Bean have helped me understand the challenges small business owners face each day," Butland said. "I look forward to helping promote and advocate for their interests throughout the New England region."

In the New England region last fiscal year, more than 5,370 small businesses received SBA loans totaling \$708 million. The Region I office, headquartered in Boston, oversees the SBA's district offices in Boston; Augusta, Maine; Concord, N.H.; Montpelier, Vt.; Providence, R.I.; and Hartford, Conn.

Butland is a native of Maine. He chaired the state's Bush/Cheney Steering Committee and was a member of the Bush/Cheney Campaign Executive Committee in Maine. He graduated from Bates College with a bachelor's degree in government and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1972-76 and in the reserves from 1977-94. He is married and has four children.

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